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the bill because the idea is antithetical to the kinds of things that we are interested in. But I would think it would be wrong for us to prevent Senator Chronister and other members from having the opportunity of having the concepts, the idea and the bill itself considered. For that reason, I would support Senator Chronister's motion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, this is a bill I attempted to introduce a couple...maybe a week or so ago. If the bill did what Senator Howard Peterson, my good friend, said it did, I would personally urge you to vote against introducing it. The bill does not simply allow a city to take over and run a packing plant or anything else. It sets up a mechanism which some other states have done, Massachusetts, for example, so that when a plant is closed, sitting idle, there is the possibility the city can use the judicial process to get a new buyer in there or a new operator. It isn't for the city to run it. It is that the city would have judicial process to force action using condemnation, eminent domain proceedings so that they can bring life back into it using the free enterprise system through both the financing and the obtaining of the plant. It isn't for the city to run it. That wasn't the intention at all and that isn't what the bill is all about. I can't believe it is that bad an idea to at least examine an idea that has worked to keep factories open and get them reopened in other states, to at least look at it here in the Legislature or in a committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe there is a light on ahead of me. I will defer to Senator Higgins, if that is the next light, sir.

PRESIDENT: If you wish. We do not have her on the... but knowing you will speak later, Senator, yes, we do now recognize Senator Higgins then.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I don't know if I will support Senator Chronister's bill if it gets a committee hearing, if it gets out of committee and if it gets to this floor. I can't say because I haven't seen the bill. I don't really know all the ramifications of it. But I would say that I would support Senator Chronister and Senator DeCamp in their effort to ask the Legislature to at least let them at this time introduce a bill, suspend the